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179. A parallel reactor for simultaneously processing  
a plurality of reaction mixtures, said reactor comprising

vessels for containing the reaction mixtures,

multi-piece spindles for stirring the reaction mixtures in  
the vessels, each multi-piece spindle comprising a metal upper  
spindle portion, a plastic stirrer, and a coupling for releasably  
coupling the plastic stirrer to the metal upper spindle portion  
in a position wherein the stirrer extends down into a respective  
vessel, said plastic stirrer being removable from said upper

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